

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6983–S7009.*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2091–2101. **Page S7005**

**Measures Passed:**

*Airport and Airway Extension Act:* Senate passed H.R. 3614, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. **Page S6989**

*National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 217, designating October 8, 2015, as “National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7007**

**House Messages:**

**TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, taking action on the following amendment and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S6984–89, S6989–99**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2689, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S6984**

McConnell Amendment No. 2690 (to Amendment No. 2689), to change the enactment date. **Page S6984**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the message to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 30, 2015; that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the

Senate to the bill, with McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2689 (listed above); and that all post-cloture time on the motion to concur be considered expired at 10 a.m., with the time until 10 a.m. equally divided between the two Managers, or their designees. **Page S7007**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S7004**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S7004–05**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S7005**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7009.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

**TSA**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration’s efforts to address inspector general findings, after receiving testimony from Peter V. Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and John Roth, Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

### U.S. CYBERSECURITY POLICY AND THREATS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Cybersecurity policy and threats, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, United States

Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Services.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Adewale Adeyemo, of California, and Amias Moore Gerety, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## PIPELINE NETWORK OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine pipeline safety, focusing on oversight of our nation's pipeline network, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Susan A. Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Michael Bellamy, PII Pipeline Solutions, Cramlington, United Kingdom; and Donald F. Santa, The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and Terry McCallister, WGL Holdings, on behalf of the American Gas Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.

## PRESIDENT'S AIR AGENDA

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine economy-wide implications of President Obama's air agenda, after receiving testimony from Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

## IMPROVING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife received a briefing on improving the Endangered Species Act from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Wyoming Governor Matthew H. Mead, and Montana Governor Steve Bullock, both on behalf of the Western Governors' Association.

## FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN PUERTO RICO

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine financial and economic challenges in

Puerto Rico, after receiving testimony from Representative Pierluisi; Melba Acosta-Febo, Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico, and Sergio M. Marxuach, Center for a New Economy, both of San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.

## U.S. ROLE AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST: THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on the humanitarian crisis, after receiving testimony from Michel Gabaudan, Refugees International, and Nancy Lindborg, United States Institute of Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Miliband, International Rescue Committee, New York, New York.

## U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the changing landscape of United States-China Relations, after receiving testimony from Christopher K. Johnson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Melanie Hart, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.

## TOXIC CHEMICAL EXPOSURE AND VA RESPONSE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of exposure to toxic chemicals on veterans and the VA's response, after receiving testimony from David R. McLenachen, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration; Kenneth S. Ramos, University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, and National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Institute of Medicine Committee on Veterans and Agent Orange, Update 2014, Tucson; Commander John B. Wells, USN (Ret.), Military-Veterans Advocacy, Slidell, Louisiana; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Jerome M. Ensminger, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.